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Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 09:00:38 CDT
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 4090
Message-Id: <20070913140038.F0991470177@srvr1.theporch.com>

BOATANCHORS Digest 4090

Topics covered in this issue include:

  1) Re: [Milsurplus] ARC-5 Mobile
     by "K0DAN" <k0dan@comcast.net>
  2) Heath IM-25 TYs
     by Zengmeiste@aol.com
  3) CRV-20130 power supply manual for RBA,RBC & RBB Rx's
     by "Tom Bridgers" <Tarheel6@msn.com>
  4) Two RF amp radios
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     by wb3fau@att.net

Message-ID: <006201c7f422$dbf4fe00$6601a8c0@K0DAN>
From: "K0DAN" <k0dan@comcast.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: [Milsurplus] ARC-5 Mobile
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From: "Scott Robinson" <spr@earthlink.net>
To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 8:53 PM
Subject: Re: [Milsurplus] ARC-5 Mobile

> At 10:39 AM +1000 9/8/07, Brian A Clarke wrote:
>>Could someone please explain just what 24/7/365 means? Coming
>>from someone who claims to have 47 electronics degrees, it does
>>seem a bit odd.
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> That would be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. No
> mention is made of extra the 1/4 day...
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> Peasce,
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> Scott
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From: Zengmeiste@aol.com
Message-ID: <bfd.1abb0baf.3417b6d2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 05:16:02 EDT
Subject: Heath IM-25 TYs
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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From: "Tom Bridgers" <Tarheel6@msn.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: CRV-20130 power supply manual for RBA,RBC & RBB Rx's
Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 16:39:29 -0400
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Does anyone have a manual on a CRV-20130 power supply that goes with the RB*
series of receivers?  Or would be willing to copy the section out of a RB*
manual that covers the CRV-20130 power supply?  Willing to pay costs for
copying and shipping for same.
Many thanks,
-Tom  KE4RHH

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From: Jsehring <jsehring@siouxvalley.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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I agree with opines on list about this=2E

To wit, 2 RF amp give better image rejection=2E That gets just terrible wi=
th just 1 RF stage above 14 MHz & is so low by 28 MHz, maybe 15 dB=2E 1963=
 ARRL Handbook sez with 2 RF stages should have "no noticable" (whatever ex=
actly that means) images below 25 MHz, and with 3 RF stages(!), none til 28=
 MHz, all using a 455 kHz IF=2E =20

Also, sensitivity with the "older" tubes & mixers (e=2Eg=2E 6SK7 & 6K8) jus=
t isn't there anymore by 28 MHz=2E I like to be able to hear cosmic noise =
on 10 m & that means about a microvolt or so sensitivity=2E My "test" is l=
isten to rx output on matched dummy load, then switch to antenna--I want to=
 hear a rise in noise & I don't mean from human-made noise=2E

And yes, the potential for better AGC action is present with an extra AGC-c=
ontrolled stage=2E But I've see many a miniature-tubed radio give superb =
AGC performance with control on only the RF & 2 IF stages=2E It's a matter=
 of individual design, the kind of pentodes used, gain distribution, of sta=
ges, distribution of AGC voltages, etc=2E Hallicrafters even got away with=
 putting AGC on the 1st mixer (6BY6) in the SX-101A=2E

Howsomever, in line with Goodman's Law, it gives more active stages before =
the serious receiver selectivity stage(s) and that sets it up for more over=
load, cross-mod, etc=2E

With the use of multiple IF conversion(s), the image problem went just abou=
t away & 1 RF amp became the norm=2E

--John WB0EQ/VE6

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Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 12:34:08 -0600
From: Jsehring <jsehring@siouxvalley.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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I've had a Heathkit TT-1 Tube Tester kicking around the shack for years, wa=
iting to be repaired=2E

It's in a nice wooden case with what appeared to be a leatherette finish=2E=
   But this stuff went moldy on me even in dry climates=2E What lousy stuf=
f=2E

I soaked the whole case in a mix of water, soap & ammonia=2E=2E=2Ethe latte=
r is the only thing I know that will kill mold=2E Household bleach only bl=
eaches the stuff, which is often black=2E

I found that the "leatherette" was actually some kind of dual layer paper s=
tuff=2E I think that the glue used underneath may also have supported the =
mold growth=2E After long soaks, I was able to scrape the paper & glue off=
=2E Long exposure to summer sun & wind on the "hot" side of my house helpe=
d a lot=2E I plan to paint the case with Zinsser's 1-2-3 shellac-based pri=
mer=2E I've used this stuff before to cover/eliminate obnoxious wood surfa=
ce problems, e=2Eg=2E mold, smoke residue=2E It also forms a moisture barr=
ier=2E

But the TT chassis also still smells very musty in spite of lots sun/wind e=
xposure=2E The wire insulation & wire spaghetti is the worst=2E I don't s=
ee any mold on any part of the chassis=2E
Any thoughts on what to do w/chassis?

Thanks=2E

Message-ID: <46E83ECD.9030401@ar88.net>
Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 15:32:29 -0400
From: Al Klase <al@ar88.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Two RF amp radios
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From: Paul Beckwith <beckrep@citlink.net>
Subject: Re: Two RF amp radios
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Subject: Re AR88
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The AR-88's RF and converter stage is one of the best of tube radios. Going from memory

With an IF of about 465kc it has in image rejection of 200. The sensitity is limited by the noise generated in the first RF coil. Very impressive. Very good front end.

Phil

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Can't agree more about the AR-88. It could be made to have a better overall noise figure probably by just subbing a 6SB7Y for the 6SA7 mixer stage. The 6SB7Y has double the conversion gain and a lower "Req" (which is a figure of noise the tube generates).

For a set with two RF stages, it is hard to overload it compared to some other designs with two RF stages. I also owned for a long time the Collins R-388/URR (51J-2). It's GLARING fault was the damned BFO drifted! It was a lousy SSB receiver, but if you add a retuned Central Electronics Model "B" SSB adapter it REALLY shines. I didn't think the R-388 was quiite as sensitive as the AR-88 either. The R-388 has higher stability (except the BFO!), but the AR-88 ain't a slouch and stays put well considering the "technology" used in it.

73,

Sandy W5TVW

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Message-ID: <003401c7f599$6c8addf0$28a1480c@KB6NAX>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Mold, ugh!
Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 16:41:50 -0700
MIME-Version: 1.0
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> ....But the TT chassis also still smells very musty in spite of lots
sun/wind exposure. The wire insulation & wire spaghetti is the worst. I
don't see any mold on any part of the chassis.
Any thoughts on what to do w/chassis?

I probably would be satisfied to just paint the wiring with WD-40 and live
with whatever smells exist which will dissipate with time. Alternatively

paint the wires with a moisture proofing varnish like the kind used to protect wooden decks from dry rot.

PS: Aren't vintage radios and test equipment supposed to smell "old"?

Arden Allen
KB6NAX

Subject: For Sale
Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 21:57:41 -0600
From: Jsehring <jsehring@siouxvalley.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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For Sale:

1=2E=09Heathkit AM-1 Antenna Impedance Meter=2E It functions as a bridge, =
measures resistance of antennas, feedlines, etc=2E from 10 to 600 ohms=2E =
Works from 0 (yes, DC) to 150 MHz=2E Normally uses a grid dip oscillator f=
or excitation, is coupled via small, loose-wound coil=2E Has 100 uA meter=
=2E Will clean up to good appearance=2E Build quality is good=2E Size is=
  2x3x7=94=2E Standard Heath gray crackle finish on case, brushed ss on fa=
ce=2E I believe this unit may be based on circuit of Bill Orr=92s (W6SAI) =
=93Antenna Scope=94 from CQ of the late 50=92s=2E I=92ve seen very few of =
these, ever=2E $22 plus postage=2E

2=2E=09Heathkit =93classic=94 AM-2 SWR Bridge=2E What can one say about t=
his ubiquitous design? Heath crackle gray finish=2E Build quality is good=
=2E 100 uA meter=2E I=92ve had this unit since my Novice days in 1975, it=
 has served me well=2E Comes with ORIGINAL manual, which I see can cost $1=
2 + postage all by itself on the web=2E $19 (OBO) plus postage so I could =
say the unit costs only $7!

Please save these items from abuse by the great unwashed, unknowing masses =
(present company excluded) at the next hamfest!   ;)>

--John WB0EQ/VE6

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 21:53:01 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Paul Beckwith <beckrep@citlink.net>
Subject: Re: Mold, ugh!

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Yes, indeed!! There's nothing like opening the lid of my warmed up
Viking I, and taking a good sniff.

73's de Paul K2LMQ Kingman, AZ

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: Jsehring <jsehring@siouxvalley.net>
Subject: Re: Mold, ugh!
Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 14:00:11 +0000
Message-Id:
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Try using Lysol Basin, Tub and Bathroom cleaner, stuff does wonders on mold and
mildew.
 I had a chassis with a similar problem. It comes in a pump spray   container,
just spray
it on, and let it sit for a while. Then just   rinse it with water after a

good soaking time. Let it dry in the sun and fresh air as before.

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